



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/980,236  
Filing Date: November 29, 2001  
Applicant: David Lee Sandbach et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2673  
Examiner: Nitin Patel  
Title: MANUAL INPUT APPARATUS FOR A HANDHELD  
DEVICE  
Attorney Docket: 9637-000036

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.